SHRI H. A. BABY (Kerala): Madam, on this particular issue, I would like to mention one more point. While making the Budget Speech, the hon. Finance Minister stated that the recommendations of the Malhotra Committee are being examined by the Government. Then he added—I am recalling—that he would like to have a consensus on the recommendations from among the major political parties. Now this is a breach of privilege also. He has given, as part of his Budget Speech, a statement and an assurance that there will be a discussion with the major political parties because the recommendations are of far-reaching ramifications. Madam, if the Parliament can be taken for a ride like this on such an important issue, then the whole Parliament is being rendered irrelevant.

SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY : It is part of Doordarshan newscast. Are you going to distrust your own Doordarshan ?

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN : Many times we have seen in the House that the name of a person being reported wrongly.

SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY : I don't think the Chair should announce a valuable judgment on such an important issue.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN : Mr. George is being reported as George Fernandes though he is a Member of the other House. John Fernandes is known as George Fernandes.

**श्री जगदीश प्रसाद माथुर** उत्तर प्रदेश : महोदया, अगर यही स्थिति है तो फाइनेंस मिनिस्टर आकर बताएं कि क्या कहा है, क्या नहीं कहा है ।

SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY : Apart from that, we all want to know as to which are the recommendations that are being accepted by the Government. How can the Parliament be kept in dark about such an important thing ?

SHRI M. A. BABY : Madam, this is nothing but a naked contempt of Parliament.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN : No, no.

SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY : This is a fraudulent way of ... (*Interruptions*) ...

SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY (Pondicherry) : There is a general reference only. It is not a specific reference. ... (*interruptions*) ...

SHRI S. VIDUTHALAI VIRUMBI (Tamil Nadu) : He should come to the House and inform the Members.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN : I ask Mr. Gurudas Das Gupta to make his comments on Super 301.

**Super 301**

SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA (West Bengal) : Madam, on Thursday last—which I call the Black Thursday for the whole world-President Clinton has again announced that America is going to revive the dreaded Super 301 regulation following the failure of discussion with Japan on the huge trade deficit America is having with that country. Madam, apparently it may appear that the move of the American President is intended to be directed against Japan but I feel that India has reasons to feel alarmed. Super 301 does not automatically go to sanction but it enables America to identify what it considers to be an unfair trade practice and subject it to retaliation. Madam, the point is, the Trade Adviser to President Clinton has made the position of the American Government more clear. While appearing in a television programme, in a prime-time television programme, it was categorically stated that the move was not being undertaken to sanction some sort of retaliation against Japan only. Madam, the word 'only' is most useful to us. In this background, Madam, I am not referring only to the action of the American President but I am referring to the reaction, the studied silence of the Government of India. Way does the Government even now not react? The total absence of the Government's reaction makes me more alarmed than the action of the American Government. Madam, when multilateralism is thought to be the order of

of the day, when we are supposed to sign the Dunkel principles, if this unilateral action is allowed to continue, then what is the use of feeling that the country's interests will be served by signing the Dunkel Text?

Therefore, it is not the American action only, it is the reaction, the most surprising reaction of the Government of India which makes me feel alarmed. I wish the House joins me in denouncing the beginning of another wave of arm-twisting and economic brinkmanship on the part of the Clinton administration which seeks to begin a confrontation between America and Japan. Madam, that is not going to affect the interests of these two countries only. It is going to affect the interests of the international economic order of the so-called international economic order, which the multilateralism seeks to build in the world. Therefore, I denounce the action of the American President At the same time, I denounce the silence and absence of reaction by the Narasimha Rao Government. I feel that India's interests cannot be protected by the people who dare in the office today to observe the rule of thumb of the American imperialists.

SHRI INDER KUMAR GUJRAL (Bihar) : Madam, I rise to add a word to what the hon. Member has said. My apprehension is on a different point. It is fortunate that the Minister of Commerce is sitting here.

Madam, when we were discussing the Dunkel Draft, particularly in the Standing Committee of Commerce, we were assured that the Super 301 mischief, the prospects of its mischief would end soon when the Dunkel Text was approved and the GATT agreement was signed. My hon. friend is threatening. I hope for the moment, to go and sign the Dunkel Draft. I hope that we would be able to discuss it here before he goes. I think in the discussion that might take place, we must keep this mind that this is a new type of international arrangement being imposed on the international relations, so far as commerce is concerned. If a trade war is going to start between Japan and America and 301 is going to impend, then the question of our signing the GATT Agreement does not arise. It means that a powerful nation, as it projects itself to be, can take upon itself that whenever it chooses and wherever it chooses, can strike. If it is striking even an economically powerful nation like Japan, then I would like to be assured by the Government that when they discuss it further and when they think of signing any such agreement, an understanding is given that 301 would be scrapped. I would also like to be assured by the Government that we will not be, as my hon. freind has said, sucked into this trade war because we are also there. This threat on us is always there saying, "open your markets." The opening of the markets is going to be forced on us. I think it is important for all of us, irrespective of the party that we belong to.

I have great respect for the Minister of Commerce. I am not trying to say that he will not do it. But I hope that he will ensure the House that he would protect the rights and would see that the spirit of cooperation prevails and no super power, whatever it be, would be allowed to get away with the way it is doing.

डा० मुरली मनोहर जोशी (उत्तर प्रदेश) : महोदया, यह प्रश्न बहुत महत्वपूर्ण है और इसमें भारत की स्थिति कई दृष्टियों से ऐसे बिन्दु पर पहुंची हुई है कि इस सुपर 301 के उपयोग से हमारे राष्ट्रीय हितों को बहुत धक्का पहुंच सकता है। इस सुपर 301 के मार्फत केवल हमारे व्यापार पर ही आघात नहीं होगा बल्कि हमारे देश की सुरक्षा और अखंडता पर भी आघात होने की सम्भावना है। कश्मीर के मामले में भी हम पर दबाव डाला जा सकता है और जो नीति आज अमरीकन सरकार ने, अमरीकन कांग्रेस ने कश्मीर के मामले में अपनाई है, उससे मुझे खतरा लगता है कि हम पर दबाव डालकर इस सुपर 301 के मार्फत वह कश्मीर के मामले में भी हमारी स्थिति को कमजोर करना चाहते है।

इसी तरह से नाभिकीय अप्रसार संधि, एन०पी०टी० पर दस्तखत कराने के लिए हम को मजबूर किया जा सकता है। हमारे मिसाइल प्रोग्राम को कमजोर करने के लिए हम पर दबाव डाला जा सकता है। इस लिए यह सुपर 301 का मामला बहुत मामूली नहीं है। मैं जापान सरकार की प्रतिक्रियाओं को बहुत गौर से देखता रहा हूं। उन्होंने बहुत मजबूती से अमरीका को "नो" कहा है खास तौर से मोटर वाला इंसिडेंट के बारे में जापान की सरकार ने हिम्मत दिखाई है। इतने बड़े देश को उन्होंने "नो" कहने की हिम्मत दिखाई। मैं चाहता हूं कि हिन्दुस्तान को सरकार को भी "नो" कहने की हिम्मत दिखानी चाहिए। बार-बार हमको बताया गया है कि गेट पर दस्तखत करने से, गैट के साथी बन जाने से अमरीका को जो एकतरफा रिटैलियेशन का अधिकार है वह खत्म हो जाएगा। लेकिन मुझे उसके खत्म होने की सम्भावना नजर नहीं आती। अगर इस तरह की अन्तर्राष्ट्रीय दादागिरी आज दुनिया में चलेगी अमरीका की तब तो मैं समझता हूं कि हमारे जैसे देशों के लिए खतरे के कारण पैदा हो जाएंगे और अगर केवल वह जापान तक ही सीमित रहें तो मैं इस बात से सहमत हूं कि उसके जो फॉल आफ हैं, उसकी चोट दूर तक जाने की सम्भावना है, वह हमारी रीजनल सैक्यूरिटी के लिये भी पड़ सकती है। यह एक खतरनाक बात हुई है और सरकार को अपना दृष्टिकोण साफ करना चाहिए, देश को विश्वास में लेना चाहिए कि ऐसी किसी भी संधि पर और ऐसी किसी भी चीज पर सरकार दस्तखत नहीं करेगी जिस के दूरगामी परिणाम हमारे देश की सुरक्षा पर, काश्मीर के मसले पर, एन०पी०टी० पर और हमारे मिसाइल प्रोग्राम पर पड़ेंगे, हमारी आर्थिक स्वाधीनता के बारे में पड़ेंगे। मैं समझता हूँ कि सारे सदन को मिलकर इस बारे में सरकार पर दबाव डालना चाहिए कि वह ऐसी किसी चीज पर हस्ताक्षर न करे।

SHRI ASHOK MITRA (West Bengal): Madam, I associate myself with the three statements which have just been made It is not just a question of the United States applying certain sanctions against Japan. The threat is much more general. The US Trade Representative has categorically stated before a US Congressional Committee that they should not worry despites the signing of the Dunkel treaty by the United States Administration. He said that the total structure of the US Trade laws remains unimpaired. Despite Dunkel, Americans will do whatever they like with respect to international trade. Therefore, why should we surrender, in advance, to the abominable conditions that are there in the Dunkel treaty? At the time when we discussed the Dunkel arrangements on the floor of this House, the representative of our Government felt very superior and he told us that our apprehensions about the Super 301 was totally unfounded. He said that Super 301 was defunct. Obiously he knew less and we knew more. I would demand that the entire issue of the Dunkel treaty must be reopened and that there should be no move on our part to try to sign the Ministerial agreement in April. Wt must demand along with the association of other Third-World countries, including Indonesia, including Malaysia, including countries in Africa and Latin America that the whole issue must be discussed *de novo*. We will not surrender our sovereignty.

**श्रीसंघ प्रिय गौतम (उत्तर प्रदेश)** : डंकल प्रस्ताव पर इस सदन में चार दिन चर्चा होनी चाहिए।...(**व्यवधान**)...

PROF. G. G. SWELL (Meghalaya): While I associate myself with the fears and apprehensions expressed by my friends Mr. Das Gupta, Mr. Gujral, Dr. Mitra and Dr. Joshi, I would like to take advantage of the presence of the Commerce Minister to clarify a position. The position is that Super 301 has become defunct in America. What President Clinton has done is to reinvoke it in the context of America's heavy adverse balance of trade with Japan. But even so, if there is going to be a trade war between the two countries, it will take another two years. In the meanwhile, there will be negotiations Japan has already indicated its willingness to decrease

the balance of trade in favour of America. Now I would like to know from the Commerce Minister as to how this Super 301 of America goes with the globalised trade under GATT to which we are appending our signature; he is going to sign the agreement next month. How does it go? Does it go along? Is it possible? This is the clarification that I would like to have from him.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN : Actually, it is just a mention. So, there are no clarifications on it. I think if everybody is a little faster, we can move ahead.

SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA : Since he is here, he can clarify the position.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN : It is entirely up to the Minister to react or not.

SHRI KAMAL MORARKA (Rajasthan): Madam, on this issue, I don't think that there can be two opinions. Ever since this Dunkel Text has been discussed in this House, we have been told by the Government that once this Draft is signed, all the countries in the world will follow a certain discipline. Even under the Uruguay Round of negotiations, in four years, American have used Super 301 and Special 301 to bring different countries in line with their thinking. Now even before the ink has dried on the Dunkel Draft Text and even before we have signed it, when America is showing its true colours against Japan, where will we be ? We want a statement from the Government clearly indicating ... (*Interruptions*)

वित्त मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री और संसदीय कार्य मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री ( डा० अबरार अहमद ) : इस पर डिसकशन होने वाली ह बी ए सी इसे आलरेडी क्लीयर कर चुकी है ।

SHRI KAMAL MORARKA : Why are you interrupting ? Madam, why is the Minister interrupting me ? Can't he hear the truth ? Madam, please ask the Minister to sit down.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN : Just a minute, please. Don't get agitated. Some Members, and you also, said that the Government should react, and the Minister is reacting. He is reminding the House that we are going to have a discussion on it on 9th.

SHRI KAMAL MORARKA : Madam, when you have permitted me to speak, the Minister cannot interfere.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN : All right. Sometimes Members interfere, sometimes Ministers interfere and sometimes I interfere. So, let us take it as part of the game. Now speak.

SHRI KAMAL MORARKA : Madam, all that I want the Government to do is to come out with a statement and not wait for the GATT discussion. This is a very special matter which has been engaging the attention of the House. The Government should come out with a statement and indicate as to what it thinks of the U.S. action against Japan and how it is going to affect us.

SHRI M. A. BABY (Feraza) : The Minister should react ...

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN : Now he is interfering. Mr. Jagesh Desai. He will be the last speaker.

SHRI JAGESH DESAI (Maharashtra) : Madam, let us understand the issue. Though I don't support the action of the U.S.A., the fact is that the trade deficit of the U.S.A. with Japan is, if I remember correctly, Rs. 2,00,000 crores.

I don't support the U.S. But this aspect is also to be seen. If that had been our situation, what is it that we would have done ? But, at the same time, Madam, we are the victims of Super 301 and Special 301. Probably, because of our firm stand on Kashmir that there shall be no interference by any outside country, including the U.S., they might find some excuse and they might utilise this weapon against us. That is why the Government should be careful. There is a probability that they would find some excuse to utilise it against our country. As such, I Would want the Government to be alert and think as to how we can see to it that this kind of a

weapon is not used against us. But the fact is that the trade deficit of the U.S. with Japan amounts to Rs. 2,00,000 crores and that cannot be overlooked by the U. S.

SHRI M. A. BABY : Madam, the Minister is here ... (*Interruptions*)

SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA : Madam, the Commerce Minister is here. In view of the unanimous position that the House has taken, I would, most respectfully, request him to kindly react and explain his position ...

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN : Mr. Gurudas Das Gupta ... (*Interruptions*)

SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA : Madam, I will take the silence of the Government as an act of ...

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN : No. no.

SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA : The Minister are, at least, say that he will come forward with a statement.

**डा० अबरार अहमद :** यह पहले ही तय हो चुका है कि आज न जीरो अवर होगा और न स्पेशल मेंशन होगे। जो ये दो आडर्नेस लिस्टेड है इन पर डिसकशन होगी और डंकल पर आलरेडी तय है।

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN : Today we have two Ordinances which are to be passed ... (*Interruptions*)

SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA : Let the Government speak on their position.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN : Now you are interfering. I think we work on cross purposes sometimes. Mr. Gurudas Das Gupta, you have made your comment. That is enough. If the Government wants to react, they will tell you what time they would react. Please don't interfere with him ... (*Interruptions*). It is entirely the Government's prerogative to decide when it wants to react ... (*Interruptions*) Now, Mr. Baby, no more discussion on it. Please sit down ... (*Interruptions*) I am not allowing ... (*interruptions*) ... I am not allowing.

SHRI M.A. BABY : The Government should at least say that the seriousness of the seriousness of the issue is understood. It is a very serious matter, Madam. The Government should react.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN : I want to tell the Members that today we have two important Ordinances. I would request the Members that we would dispense with the lunch hour and finish the business. In addition to this, there are seven Special Mentions. I have got four more names for making submissions now.

**Derogatory Remarks against Sikh Religion in a Book Published in Pakistan**

**श्री बलबीर सिंह (पंजाब) :** आपके माध्यम से मैं एक बहुत गंभीर मसले को हाउस के सामने लाना चाहता हूं। इससे हम सब का सर शर्म से झुक जाता है। पाकिस्तान के एक आथर ने एक किताब लिखी है "तारीखे मुजाहिदीन" उसमें उन्होंने सिख धर्म का अपमान किया है और सिख गुरुओं को गालियां निकाली हैं, उनको चोर, डाकू कहा गया है। यह बहुत ही शर्म की बात है। सारी सिख जमात में इसका गम और गुस्सा है। मैं उन अकाली भाइयों को यह खिताब नहीं देना चाहता हूं जिन्होंने क्लिंटन को जाकर धन्यवाद दिया कि सिख राइट्स का प्रोटेक्शन कर रहे हैं। उन्हीं के दोस्त पाकिस्तान सिख धर्म का यह अपमान कर रहा हो तो उनको शर्म आनी चाहिये। सरकार को चाहिये था कि वह खुद इस गंभीर मसले पर रीऐक्ट करती, अगर यह उसके नोटिस में आया है। लेकिन अगर यह उसके नोटिस में नहीं आया है तो यह और भी खराब है। उसकी एजेंसियों, सी०बी०आई० है, "रा" है जिसमें उसको इसका जरूर पता लगा होगा कि ऐसी कोई किताब छपी है, जिस में सिख धर्म के बाबत ऐसा लिखा गया है। यह एक बहुत शर्म की बात है। मैं सरकार और सारे हाउस से यह अपील करूंगा कि पार्टी लेबल से ऊपर उठकर इसको कंडेम करना चाहिये और इस किताब को बैन करना चाहिये। पाकिस्तान सरकार के पास हमारी सरकार को इस सिलसिले में प्रोटेस्ट करना चाहिये